Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for classification of a data object in a database,
comprising:
obtaining the data object having at least one source parameter associated
with the data object, and therewith, by
associating a classification parameter with the data object, wherein the
classification parameter is associated with the data object when based on a value of
the at least one source parameter satisfies satisfying at least one criterion
corresponding to the classification parameter.

- (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein including
 storing the classification parameter is associated with the data object when the
 data object is entered into the database.
- 3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the criterion is that includes whether the value of the at least one source parameter is within a predetermined range.
- 4. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein the <u>at least one</u> source parameter represents a geographical location of the creation of the data object, and the criterion is that the value of the source parameter is such that <u>includes determining whether</u> the creation of the data object has taken place in a predetermined region <u>based on the geographical location</u>.

- 5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the criterion is that includes determining whether the value of the source parameter equals a predetermined value.
- 6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the database comprises includes further data objects having at least one further source parameter associated therewith and wherein the method comprises the following steps includes:

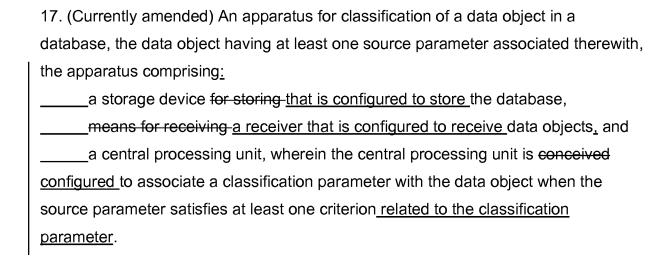
identifying similar further data objects having <u>equal values of the</u> at least one further classification parameter <u>associated with each similar data object</u>, wherein the <u>further classification parameters of the similar further data objects have equal values</u>;

identifying similarity of values of the further source parameter of the further similar data objects having equal further classification parameters;

associating the further classification parameter with the data object when <u>at least one of the at least one source parameter of</u> the data object is similar to <u>the further source parameter of</u> the further <u>similar</u> data objects.

- 7. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the value of the further classification parameter and the similarity of values as a criterion for associating a new data object with the further classification parameter with the value are stored in a further database.
- 8. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein the method comprises the step of includes searching the further database to check whether one or more of the at least one source parameter of the data object matches at least one criterion stored in the further database.
- 9. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the value of the further source parameter is an alphanumerical string and <u>the similarity of values</u> is identified as the further source parameters having equal values.

- 10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the value of the further source parameter is a numerical value and the similarity of values is identified as the further source parameters having their values in a predetermined range.
- 11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein the source parameter represents at least one a-of the following-entities:
 - a geographical location of the creation of the data object,
 - a date of creation of the data object,
 - a time of creation of the data object,
 - a name of the creator of the data object, and
 - a data format of the data object.
- 12. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the classification parameter corresponds to an event.
- 13. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data objects are object includes a still picture images image.
- 14. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data objects are object includes a stream streams of audiovisual information.
- 15. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the classification parameter is associated with the data object by a user.
- 16. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein including storing the criterion is stored in a further database.



18. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium, comprising instructions, which that are readable and executable by a computer, wherein the instructions enable a computer to execute the method according to claim 1.

19. (New) A method comprising:

obtaining an image object and one or more source parameters associated with the image object, the image object including one of: an encoded image and an encoded sequence of images,

determining a classification parameter associated with the image object based on at least one of the one or more source parameters, and

storing the image object and the associated classification parameter in a database that includes other objects with associated classification parameters.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, including retrieving the image object from the database based on the classification parameter.